contains only a few houses and practically no population. Then there must be some special reason for this decrease.

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* It has not been investigated. Probably, the Census Commissioner may give us some explanation in his report.

Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* May I know, Sir, whether any complaint has been received from any person from Kunnamkulam about the decrease in population, and whether the Government intend to take steps to increase the population in Kunnamkulam? *(Laughter).*

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):* No.

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156. Mr. K. R. Viswambharan *(Ezhuvas-Talappalli):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether they are in a position at present to make a statement with regard to the progress of work turned out by the Census Department so far ;

(*b*) whether the Census Commissioner has completed the preparation of the Census Report ;

(*c*) whether any portion of the report has been completed ;

(*d*) when do Government propose to disband the Census staff ?

Mr. P. V. Raphael *(Joint Secretary to Government):*

(*a*) The final enumeration was completed on 20th Kumbham 1116. The Tabulation staff was entertained with effect from 12th Meenam 1116. Sorting for 12 Imperial Tables and compilation of 6 Tables are already over. Sorting for and compilation of the remaining Imperial and State Tables are in steady progress.

(*b*) No.

(*c*) No. Except the Tables referred to in (a) above.

(*d*) The majority of the Tabulation staff will be disbanded by the end of Karkadagam 1116 and the rest by the end of Chingam 1117. The term of part of the office staff will expire by Thulam 1117. The Census Commissioner and the remaining staff will continue in 1117.

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